## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Kiyoaki MURAI et al.

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For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,

ELECTRONIC DEVICE, IMAGE PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND RECORDING MEDIUM WHICH RECORDS THE PROGRAM

### RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS WITH DECLARATION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted (copy attached) mailed on October 31, 2001, submitted herewith is the executed Declaration of the inventors. Any specification attached to and referenced in the Declaration is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the Office in order to obtain a filing date for the application.

Attached is our Check No.  $\underline{126468}$  for  $\boxtimes$ \$130.00  $\square$ \$65.00 (entitlement to small entity status is asserted) for the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(e).

Entry of these documents should complete all of the filing formalities and fully satisfy all requirements of the Notice to File Missing Parts. Accordingly, examination and allowance of this application in due course are respectfully solicited.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this paper are attached.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

#### Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
   A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 260.
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine
  the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be
  determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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